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1. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HAS THUS FAR TAKEN CONSISTEN POSTURE OF
OPPOSITION TO U.S. POSITIONS ON ARAB/ISRAELI ISSUE AND AMENDMENT
OF ARTICLE 17. KEY EGYPTIAN HAS BEEN AMB. EL-SHAFEI WHO ALMOST
CERTAINLY HAS SET POLICY AND TACTICAL DIRECTION FOR DELEGATION.
EL-SHAFEI ACTIVELY SOUGHT THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORT IN GENEVA FOR
NEW ARAB/ISRAELI RESOLUTION AND FOR DEFEAT OF ARTICLE 17 AMEND-
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MENT BEFORE ILC OPENED.

2. DURING CONFERENCE, HE CONTINUED LOBBYING FOR BOTH--IN TANDEM
WITH COME HARDLINE ARAB DELEGATIONS. ACCORDING TO SOME ARAB
DELEGATES, HIS ANTICS ON ARAB/ISRAELI QUESTION INCLUDED AN
ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO PRESENT AN ARAB PETITION TO DG (AT LEAST 5
ARAB MINISTERS, HOWEVER, REFUSED TO SIGN EGYPTIAN-WRITTEN DRAFT)

AND A SUBSEQUENT DEMARCHE TO DG TO PRESENT COPY OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (GENEVA 4526 NOTAL) WHICH HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED AND AGREED TO BY ARAB GROUP. MOREOVER, OTHER ARAB DELEGATES CLAIM THAT EL-SHAFEI INTRANSIGENTLY OPPOSED RESOLUTION OF ISSUE ALONG LINES OF DG LETTER UP TO TIME WHEN OTHER ARABS ACQUIESCED IN IT ON JUNE 9. WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 17, EL-SHAFEI, IN CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF G-77 AT GENEVA (POST WHICH ROTATES AMONG RESIDENT AMBASSADORS HERE EVERY QUARTER), IS CURRENTLY ACTING AS POINT MAN ON G-77 PROPOSAL THAT CONFERENCE SET UP WORKING PARTY TO PRODUCE OVERALL STRUCTURAL REFORM PACKAGE, INCLUDING REVISION OF ARTICLE 17, FOR CONSIDERATION IN 1978 OR 1979, (GENEVA 4812 NOTAL)

3. NEITHER MANPOWER MINISTER BULTIYYA OR EFL PRESIDENT AHMAD HAS ASSUMED PROMINENT ROLE IN PUBLIC OR, TO OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE, BEHIND SCENES AMONG EGYPTIANS OR ARABS. BULTIYYA, WHO ARRIVED NEARLY ONE WEEK LATE (JUNE 7) AND WHO IS PRESENTLY TRAVELLING OUTSIDE GENEVA, ONLY APPEARED AT CONFERENCE DURING LATTER THREE DAYS OF LAST WEEK. WHILE HE DID ATTEND JUNE 8 LUNCHEON USDEL HELD FOR 10 ARAB LABOR MINISTERS, AND THUS TACITLY ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE STATEMENTS OF COOPERATION WITH U.S. OTHER ARAB MINISTERS EXPRESSED THERE, HE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REMARKS ABOUT THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION. AHMAD, IN FIRST APPEARANCE AS EGYPTIAN WORKER DELEGATE, HAS ALSO MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE. IN PRIVATE TALK WITH DELOFF, HE SAID THAT HE WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH OTHER TRADE-UNIONISTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM ARAB COUNTRIES. WHILE HE NOTED THAT EFL GENERALLY SUPPORTED GOE

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POLICIES, HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT ACTIVELY LOBBYING FOR GOE POSITIONS AT THE CONFERENCE.

4. FOR THE RECORD, LABOR MINISTERS OF SAUDI ARABIA, MOROCCO, KUWAIT, QATAR AND JORDAN SPEARHEADED MODERATE ARAB EFFORT WHICH BLUNTED INITIAL ATTEMPT BY OTHER ARABS TO INTRODUCE NEW RESOLUTION, WHICH NUDGED TUNISIAN MINISTER ENNACEUR (WHO ACTED AS ARAB GROUP CHAIRMAN) INTO LINE, AND WHICH EVENTUALLY OBTAINED ENOUGH OF AN ARAB MAJORITY--DESPITE A RENEWED ATTEMPT BY ARAB HARDLINERS TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION--TO ENGINEER ARAB ADHERENCE TO DG LETTER ON JUNE 9. AMONG THE FIVE MINISTERS, SAUDI ASSUMED BACK-STAGE LEADERSHIP ROLE BUT EACH MINISTER STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH USDEL. JORDANIAN MINISTER WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IN PROVIDING FLOW OF INFO ON EVOLVING ARAB ATTITUDES AND IN ARRANGING FOR CROWN PRINCE HASSAN TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH HOROWITZ FOR BRIEFING ON U.S. POSITION AND TO LOBBY FOR REASONABLE ARAB POSTURE AT BREAKFAST MEETING OF ARAB MINISTERS ON JUNE 9.

5. ARAB MODERATES HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO US THEIR CONCERN

OVER EGYPTIAN BEHAVIOR. SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN MOST
DISTURBED ABOUT UNHELPFUL ROLE PLAYED BY EGYPTIANS AT ILC
IN CONTRAST WITH THEIR COOPERATIVE ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS SAUDIS--
AND U.S.--ELSEWHERE. OTHER DELEGATES HAVE SPECULATED THAT
EGYPTIAN POSITIONS AT GENEVA COULD SOMEHOW BE RELATED TO ISRAELI
ELECTION RESULTS AND/OR TO FAHMI'S RECENT MOSCOW VISIT.
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